



SATURDAY, June 29, 1867.

FROM THE GREAT PLAINS.  
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HOW THE UNION PACIFIC  
RAILROAD IS BUILT.

An intelligent correspondent of the *Cincinnati Gazette* has written a very interesting letter, showing the manner in which this last wonder of the century is being completed. He says:

"There is nothing connected with the Union Pacific Railroad that is not wonderful. The possibility of constructing such a road some future day has long loomed up as one of the events of a grander future which all believed was to come for the West. To look upon so much of it accomplished, to mark the marvelous progress of each day, and feel sure that the great enterprise which we had consigned to the future of our dreams is to be a reality for us, makes one proud of the noble days in which we live. If one sees the road as great an achievement as the war, and as grand a triumph to those who have seen much of the former and looked from this point upon the latter, they appear equally impressive. What the country has dreamed about for many years is becoming a reality much faster than the people know. One year ago, but forty miles were finished; this morning, we look back from our train over a day's rapid run, and forward sixty miles. To-night, three additional miles of rail will mark the track of the day's advance."

"Our party left the depot at Omaha at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 1st inst. The station-houses, and the common passenger cars, were better than those on the road from Washington to New York; those who have been so unfortunate as to make the latter trip will all hope they are very much better if the love of country be in their hearts.

"The train, which was made up for the excursionists, consisted of cars as elegant as any that can be found east of the Missouri. It was very difficult to look at them and realize that before night they would be roaring along over plains from which hostile Indians, deer and antelope have not been driven yet.

## VALLEY OF THE PLATTE.

"Long before the valley is reached, it spreads before the eye like a vast bay opening into an ocean, whether the track goes to the west. It is forty miles from the low, rolling hills on the north, to the opposite and similar range on the south. Between, the surface is almost perfectly flat, though it recedes toward the west, of about ten feet to the mile, gives ample drainage. The soil is very rich, and the mind filters in its attempts to estimate the future of such a valley, or its immense capabilities. The grain-fields of Europe are mere garden-patches beside the great oceans which roll from Colorado to Indiana. The valley widens with the advance. The hills behind sink into the plain until the horizon there is perfect. Those on either side grow faint, till through the heat of the day, take on the appearance of low islands seen across a mighty expanse of water."

"Much of the land at the mouth of the valley is under cultivation, and the deep black of the freshly turned earth, the dark green of the wheat, the lighter grass, the deeper shade, and the brown of stubble which the plow has turned, make up the wide expanse a picture which nature alone could color, and the prairie only adds room to display. Further on, large plows, drawn by eight oxen, labored slowly along, each furrow being an added ripple to the tide which is sweeping up over all the semi-cultivated fields, while the young girls in the bushes and fields and fourth year.

"A bill abolishing capital punishment was defeated in the Connecticut House of Representatives on Friday by a majority of 22 votes.

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## A MUSICAL CITY.

"Crossing the North Platte, on a bridge about three thousand feet long, the train stopped at North Platte Station, which is probably for a time, to regard it as a frontier town. Last fall there was no building here. Now the Railroad Company have fine hotel-cabins, there is a good hotel, where excellent fare is provided, and on the side street leading from the track are thirty-five buildings. The depot workers are overflowing with stores of all kinds.

"Within twenty miles of the end of the track a new of the party rode on the new railway. It seemed necessary to drive on about forty miles without overalls that had only been down for ten days. But the party with which the work is done, alter it, and makes it safe. It was exhilarating in the extreme, thus under the flag which strewed so many fields with烈士 of the last.

"There hundred and twenty-five miles out a construction train of eighty cars stood on a side track. It was loaded with iron, spikes and chairs, in exactly such proportions as were needed. It took the very fullness of steam, and was one key to the rapidity with which the work progressed. A little further on stood a similar train, and next we stopped in rear of one, the track being finished. Seventy-six hours

The issue of the "First National Bank of Philadelphia" has been stopped owing to the heavy encumbrances upon the bank.

It had been a problem in Brooklyn to find a receiver, the reason of a disagreement of "Bald and Want" brought a general *vacuum* of officers.

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## Local News Items.

FOUNDED JUNE 1.—The Ninety-first Anniversary of our National Independence, will be celebrated on Thursday next, the 4th day of July, in this city, as follows:

A national salute will be fired at sunrise by a detachment of the Newport Artillery Company, under command of Lieut. Col. WILLIAM M. CRANZ.

At nine o'clock, A. M., a procession will be formed on the Parade, in front of the State House, in the following order:

Detachment of Artillery.

Mr. ——, City Marshal.

Mr. ——, Band of the 3d Artillery, U. S. A., Prof. ——.

Battalion of 3d U. S. Artillery, Capt. J. Watson Welch commanding the military guard.

Aspinwall Rifles, Captain Dehaven, Burnside Rifles, Captain Bushman, Board of Fire-Wards and Fire Companies, Surviving officers of the Battle of Lake Erie.

Officers of the Army and Navy.

Officers of the Militia.

Collector of Customs and Revenue officers.

General Treasurer of the State and Clerk of the Courts.

Orator and Poet of the Day.

Chaplain, and Reader of the Declaration of Independence.

City Marshal.

His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

City Sergeant.

President and Members of the Committee Council.

City Clerk and City Treasurer.

Court of Probate of the City of Newport.

Court of Justices of the City of Newport.

Overseer of the Poor and Commissioners of the Newport Asylum.

Ex-Members of Congress and Ex-Mayors.

Members of the Press.

Assistant Marshal.

The Rev. Dr. George C. Ladd, Chaplain of the City.

Committee of Arrangements, consisting of Attorney Stebbins and Townsend, and Councilman Coggeshall, Claffey and Clinton, Jr.

Members of the Public School Committee.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Public Schools.

Peopple of the Public Schools.

Historical Society.

Redwood Library Association.

McEwens' Association.

Citizens and Strangers.

Detachment of Dragoons.

After the formation of the line of procession, it will move up Broad Street to Main Avenue, up Main Avenue to Kay, through Kay to Tenth, through Ninth Street to Bowery, down Bowery to Young, down Young to Thruway, through Thruway to Farewell, through Farewell to the Second Regimental Church, where the following commemorative exercises will occur:

Voluntary on the Organ.

O. D. by the Newport Glee Club.

Prayer by Rev. Charles Howard McLean.

O. D.

Reading of the Declaration of Independence.

by E. W. Billings, Esq.

O. D.

Oration by Rev. Charles C. Van Zandt.

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Poem, by Rev. William M. Dehaven.

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Beneficent, by Dr. C. H. Hinman.

The body power of the church will be strictly reserved for the processional.

Laity will be invited to the services at 10 o'clock, and 12 o'clock.

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